(c) the budget earmarked for the Mumbai Metro along with the amount released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Government of India released Rs.235.5 crore in 2009-10 for line-1 of Mumbai Metro.

Releasing of surplus water from dams

3216. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that releasing of surplus water from dams during the period of heavy rains without prior warning has been one of the main reasons for the deteriorated flood situation, recently, in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra:

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan for galvanizing the inter-State and Centre State mechanisms to coordinate actions such as releasing of surplus water from dams, issuing early warnings and evacuating people from the vulnerable areas downstream during such calamities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

River linking project

3217. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is quietly implementing the dream river linking project despite objections by environmentalists;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the feasibility study for all 16 peninsular rivers has been completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the further reaction of Government in view of objections by environmentalists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter -basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas which comprises of two